

CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 21, 2011

Dufresne Auditorium, Benefis Hospital East Campus
Great Falls

MINUTES

1200–12:30 Lunch sponsored by Benefis Hospitals Dufresne Auditorium

12:30 REACH Network **ON** for Central RTAC meeting

The Central Montana Rural Trauma Advisory Committee (CRTAC) was called to order at 12:30 PM.
by Lauri Jackson, Trauma Coordinator, Benefis Health Systems

1. Roll call

Lauri Jackson

PRESENT

In Great Falls:

Chad Engan M.D., Chair
Lauri Jackson, APRN, Great Falls
Shannon Garner RN Mercy Flight
Will Fleming EMT-P GFES, Great Falls
Dirk Johnson, GFFD, Great Falls
Michael Rosalez, EMT-P, Great Falls
Marie Haynes Trauma Registrar Great Falls
Jennie Nemec RN, State Trauma System Program Manager
Carol Kussman RN, EMS and Trauma Systems
Chris Ludlum, Benefis ER Director
Tim Sinton PA, Great Falls
Judy Jacoby RN, Broadwater Health Care, Townsend
Scott Schandelson, Chief Flight Nurse Mercy Flight

REGION

Conrad

Laura Erickson, RN,
Cliff Davis PA,
Kathy Jones RN,
Charlene Bouma EMT,
Van Lovitt EMT,

Shelby

Phil Ashiem EMT,
Doug Christopherson EMT,
Julia Drishinski RN,

Chester

Kayla Johnson,
Gladys Young MD
Todd Wankin
James Dahlin

Fort Benton

Deb Gessaman, EMT
Linda Williams EMT

White Sulphur Springs

Pearl Delgado RN
Leigh Keiter RN

ABSENT: Representatives from: Cut Bank, Havre, Browning

2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Lauri Jackson APRN.

Minutes approved

3 **State Trauma Care Committee activities & State Trauma Update**

State Trauma Care Committee: Next Meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2011

- Continue to work on System issues:
 - Pediatric neuro surgeons nationally 75 % not accepting pediatric pts
 - Level II Neuro coverage problem ACS says if none becomes a level III
 - EMS trip reports
 - Deaths
 - GCS <9 not intubated

New POLST forms available through EMSTS office; Contact Kevin Fitzgerald@406-444-6098, kfitzgerald@mt.gov

Courses

EMD Training

1. Offering King-County-based EMD classed beginning this fall
2. Enhanced questioning techniques for medical calls
3. Pre-arrival instructions
4. Contact Joe Hansen@EMSTS:jhansen3@mtr.gov

- **ATLS Courses:** 2011 dates
- October 14&15 Missoula
- November 4&5 Billings

Applications can be found @ www.dphhs.mt.gov/ems If wish to be RN faculty or helper contact Gail Hatch 406 444 3746 Ghatch@mt.gov

MT Systems Conference September 21, 2011

Applications can be found @ www.dphhs.mt.gov/ems

State will pay for two nights lodging at state rates for the systems conference

Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium (RMRTS) Sept 22 and 23 2011 Kalispell MT

Register online www.45pr.com/calendar/calendar.htm

Central RTAC does have some scholarship money available. Scholarship applications have been sent to all Trauma Coordinators and EMS services in the region. Please complete the application and return to Lauri Jackson for scholarship committee review. Scholarships will be given based on participation in RTAC programs if applications exceed number of scholarships available,

PHTLS: Contact Rosie

TNCC: Benefis October contact Lauri or Mary Fry Davis

ENPC: Benefis October contact Lauri or Mary Fry Davis

ACTN (Advanced Course in Trauma Nursing): November in Billings Contact Penny Clifton @ St Vincent's Healthcare

Preparedness

BDLS: 361 participants have completed the course

ADLS: 132 participants have completed the course

ABLS: 4 Successful courses held around MT this past winter and spring

Total so far: 122

➤ Grant \$\$\$

Hospital Preparedness

New Grant applications are out

Level II-III; \$30,000 All other facilities; \$15,000

"Must do";

Mass Fatality Planning

Evacuations

NIMS compliance

Other issues CAN be funded if above are completed; Burns, Pediatric, Trauma

If application needed, Dayle Perrin, HPP

dperrin@mt.gov, 406-444-3898

- **State Wide System Issue:** Interfacility Transfers, Level of care required and how to provide this care
 - Neurosurgeon nationally 75% of neurosurgeons are not operating on children
 - 53% neurosurgeons changed patient mix
 - Rural areas continue to struggle with challenges in consistent provision of bariatric appropriate care for patients requiring inter-Facility transport, EMS documentation, Crash documents, Inappropriate care, Law enforcement
 - Montana Field Trauma Decision Scheme/Trauma Team Activation Criteria (hand out)
 - Anticoagulated trauma patients

Central Region

Need original EMS trip report (from first ambulance to touch patient) and all ER documentation to be sent with transferred patients

GCS <9 and patient not intubated. Will continue to provide and work to improve communication regarding feedback from transferred patient

- Decision to intubate not just based on Saturation
- When appropriate to intubate
- Documentation on children GCS, GCS educational tool
- Age
- ETOH
- Trauma Team courses

ET Study 5/01/10 EMSTS website

Obese Trauma Patients transfers by ground and flight continue to be problematic. Please try to give accurate weights for Air transport. 300 lb weight limit for both rotor & fixed wing. If pt obese will help you try to find alternative transport options.

Importance of Anticoagulated Trauma Patients receiving proper treatment in the field and ER BLS/ALS rendezvous, Air Medical Activation

4. Subcommittees

1. Injury Prevention/Education

Lauri Jackson APRN

- Stepping On program just finished fourth class
- Report on recent distracted driving course done at Safety First Rally in Great Falls
Overall – Texting while driving slowed participant's time through course by 10%.
The number of errors (driving off the road, hitting object or people in the road, running a STOP sign) triple while texting and driving.
Will be happy to come to your community and assist with putting this course on.

2. Pre-Hospital Michael Rosalez EMT-P

- Necessity of GCS/ documentation on trauma patient
- Trip sheets include GCS on front clearly indicated Fairly well documented according to recent chart reviews
- Next QI project documentation “padding back boards” July and August 2011.
- Hand off reports necessity to receiving facility.
- 48 hour trip reports due changing to 24 hours soon
- Risk for children /restraints
- Use of restraints in Ambulances during transport
 1. Shoulder straps for transporting patients
 2. Restraints worn by providers in the back of AMB while transporting

5. Public Comments

None

6. Adjournment

Lauri Jackson, APRN

Future CRTAC Meeting Dates 2011:

October 20, 2011 (pre hospital meetings – October 18, 2011)

Telemedicine sites available in Big Sandy, Chester, Choteau, Conrad, Cut Bank, Fort Benton, Havre, Shelby, Helena and Great Falls

Respectfully submitted.

Marie Haynes Trauma Registrar, IP coordinator Benefis Healthcare